



**KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 16, 2004**

**Members Present:** Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Nancy Code, Roger Goodman, Jim Harbaugh, Larry Hill, Kim Murillo, Yasmin Smith

**Members Absent:** Mary Alice Knotts (excused)

**Staff Present:** Nancy Creighton, Rhoda Naguit, Rose Soo Hoo, Jim Vollendroff

**Guests Present:** Trish Blanchard, Declan Wynne, Seattle Mental Health; Dana Boales (board applicant); Michelle DiMiscio (board applicant); Beratta Gomillion, Center for Human Services; Jenna Henderson (board applicant); Ella McHenry, Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation; Sue Nixon, Alcohol/Drug Helpline; Richard Sirota, Suzanne Wietting, Fairfax Hospital; Cathy Speelmon, Seattle Counseling Services; Joan Zintak, Community Psychiatric Clinic

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Board Chair Linda Brown convened the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board meeting at 12:05 p.m. The meeting was held at Mount Olympus Room of DASA Region IV offices, located at 400 Mercer Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Seattle.

## **I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Board Chair Brown welcomed everyone present then asked them to introduce him/herself.

## **II. MINUTES**

Nancy Code made a motion, which was seconded by Joan Clement to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2004 Board meeting as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **III. AGENCY Presentation – Seattle Mental Health**

Trish Blanchard gave an overview of the agency and the services provided. Since receiving CD certification in 2000, the agency has provided specialized care for a wide range of behavioral health issues. They provide integrated co-occurring treatment and case management services utilizing a wraparound approach.

Declan Wynn stated that the agency has recently expanded their services to include DDD and criminal justice population. Their staff works with family court clients who receive intensive services. They also provide housing and risk management to people at risk for relapse.

Among the challenges the agency faces is working with electronic clinical records.

The agency recognizes that to make treatment work, there should be cross training for their staff. They are currently working on getting their staff dually certified. Both SMH and CPC are supportive of hiring CDPs to work across MH and CD programs.

Jim commended Seattle Mental Health for its ability to deal with challenging clients and for their commitment to collaboration with other community agencies.

#### **IV. PROVIDER AGENCY CONCERNS**

An update on the Recovery Garden Project: Suzanne Wietting and Board Chair Linda Brown will be attending a public hearing sponsored by the Park District in West Seattle tonight continue work on the Recovery Garden Project. Suzanne Wietting received a very detailed document from the Park District outlining the regulations associated with projects within a public park.

Board Chair Brown has sent a letter of support for the Recovery Garden Project as directed by the Board at the last meeting.

#### **V. PERFORMANCE INDICATOR**

Copies of the CD Performance Indicator Report were distributed to the board members. Nancy Creighton then walked the board through the document. She noted the following:

- Prevention format changed so that it is now like other sections. Data on participation in prevention programs are now presented by age group, risk or protective factor and the type of program (best, promising or innovative practice).
- Under the Assessment Center, the graph on placements after assessments has been removed because our old database did not distinguish between a planned and an actual placement. Because we want to report on actual placements, which is only now being collected in the new Assessment Center database, we will need to work with DASA to get TARGET data in order to include placements that result from assessments in future reports.
- The demographic summary page now shows the King County low income population for comparison to those receiving services.
- As noted in the last report, data for the Sobering Center show a disproportion use by Native Americans among both high users and all users of the Center. Jim Vollendroff stated that a stakeholder's work group will be formed with the help of Patrick Vanzo to study the Sobering Center in light of the recent changes in the ESP van schedule and other possible changes. Joan Clement will be the primary representative from the Board, with Board Chair Linda Brown as back-up.

- Outpatient youth remains the same. We plan to add the statewide treatment completion rate for youth as well as adult outpatient treatment. This was not done in this version because of unresolved questions about differences between the King County numbers from the DASA Treatment Analyzer compared to TARGET reports. The only way to get statewide results is from the Treatment Analyzer. The treatment enhancement for youth may be a significant factor in the recent improvement in Youth Treatment Completion rates.
- There are no changes on outpatient adult. The same changes are planned for adding the statewide treatment completion rate when report inconsistencies are resolved.
- The bottom narrative after the first two graph on opiate substitution treatment has been revised to reflect changes in funding that increased the most recent new admission and Medicaid numbers.
- There is no financial report on the summary because it is only half of the year.

Joan Clement stated it would be interesting to track wait times and see if the length of time increased the drop out rate. Jim Vollendroff said this would be interesting to track in future. It would make a nice small study.

Since the Board had not received copies of the Performance Indicator Report prior to the meeting, full discussion of the report was deferred to the January Board meeting.

## **VI. CHAIR'S REPORT**

### **A. Board Resignation**

With much regrets, Board Chair Brown announced that Jim Harbaugh, a long-time member of the board, is resigning effective immediately due to his work schedule as Senior Priest of St. Theresa Parish Church. Jim has been an active member of the board since 1995.

### **B. Board Appointment**

There are two outstanding applicants for board membership - Dana Boales and Michelle Di Miscio. Ms. Boales is currently the Supervisor of Community Programs for Casey Family Programs; she was formerly Program Manager for King County Juvenile Drug Court and Chemical Dependency Dispositional Alternative programs. Ms. Di Miscio is the Program Manager for People of Color Against AIDS Network (POCAAN).

Yasmin Smith made a motion and seconded by Roger Goodman to approve the appointment of Dana Boales and Michelle Di Miscio to the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board. The motion was passed unanimously.

These recommendations will be forwarded to the Director of the Department of Community and Human Services for approval before it goes to the King County Executive for action and finally for confirmation from the King County Council.

### **C. Liaison Reports**

#### **Joan Clement, Chronic Population Action Council (CPAC)**

At the last CPAC meeting the focus was on housing, a beer excise tax proposal to the Legislature to fund increased treatment capacity, and street to home initiatives.

#### **Nancy Code, CD Adult Providers Meeting**

As in the past, the CD Adult Providers meeting held prior to the board meeting today was very informative. Michelle DiMiscio, Program Director of POCAAN, and her staff did an outstanding presentation about their programs. The agency provides pre-treatment programs for substance abusers who are rejected by the mainstream providers. They have a good referral resource. Mike Elsner gave an update on grants. Rose Soo Hoo gave an update on ADATSA. They conduct 400 assessments a month.

#### **Roger Goodman, Legislative Advocacy and Public Affairs Committee**

The committee will meet for debriefing on January 5<sup>th</sup> at the Exchange Building for the recently concluded Legislative Forum. Linda expressed her appreciation to those who attended the Legislative Forum. There was a good turnout. Roger stated that one of the items for discussion at the next meeting is whether to keep the same venue and time for next year's Legislative Forum. There is a notable increase in attendance at the Legislative Forum each time the event is held at St. Mark's Cathedral.

Roger reported that he has the index cards containing questions from the audience at the last Legislative Forum. Rhoda Naguit was tasked to consolidate these questions and distribute them to the Board members. The Board will determine its usefulness for developing a Needs Assessment.

#### **Linda Brown, Mental Health Advisory Board**

DSHS-MHD has requested that the Legislature enact a special appropriation in the State budget to provide the approximately \$80m that on January 1, 2005 will no

longer be available from Title XIX-Medicaid to provide services to non-Medicaid eligible clients who are presently being served.

## **VIII. ALCOHOL AND DRUG COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

### **A. Criminal Justice Initiative**

The King County Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division put out an RFP to provide treatment services for drug court clients who are incarcerated at the Regional Justice Center. Contract negotiation between the Division and Pioneer Human Services, the successful bidder, is in progress. The program is funded through the State Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA).

### **B. Budget Items**

Two positions providing wraparound services for youth at Valley Cities Counseling and Youth Eastside Services will be reduced in 2005. No other cuts in wraparound positions are anticipated.

The Emergency Service Patrol (ESP) has sustained a \$100,000 cut due to a budget cutback from the City of Seattle. As a result, beginning January 1, 2005, ESP will reduce both its service hours and the service area. The new hours for the ESP vans operation will be from noon until 8:00 AM seven days per week. There will be no Patrol service available between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM and services will not be provided to Ballard, Aurora, and University District.

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### **C. Access to Recovery Update**

The Division has hired a Program Manager for Access to Recovery program. She is Kristina Zawisza who works for King County Superior Court. Her start date is January 17, 2005.

### **D. Native American Grant**

The Division is applying for a SAMSHA grant that will provide services for Native American and Asian Pacific Islander populations. The grant will fund 33 programs nationwide at \$500,000 for three years. We will use Sobering data in applying for this RFP. In preparation for the submission of this grant proposal, the Division staff met with Chief Seattle Club, Public Health/Healthcare for the Homeless, Downtown

Emergency Service Center and Seattle Indian Health Board to get their input. Mike Elsner is preparing the concept paper for this grant. The due date for submission of proposal has been extended to January 28, 2005.

**E. Staffing Update**

The Involuntary Commitment Staff will be moved to the King County Assessment Center. This move will take effect in February 2005.

**IX. OTHER CONCERNS**

**A. Medicaid Audit**

Concern was raised about a recent article in the newspaper on Medicaid audit which contain negative information. Rose Soo Hoo will check out the impact of this article on their clients. This negative report might slow down the approval of application for medical coupon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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